

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A holding apparatus for holding a vitreous body surgical contact lens on a patients eyeball, comprising:

an eyelid opener portion having an upper portion that pulls and opens an upper eyelid and a lower portion that pulls and opens a lower eyelid;

a holding portion that holds the vitreous body surgical contact lens on ~~an~~ the eyeball the holding portion located in an open space between the upper portion and the lower portion; and

a connecting portion that connects the holding portion and the eyelid opener portion, the connecting portion including an elastic member that extends across at least a portion of the open space so that a position of the holding portion relative to the eyelid opener portion and the eyeball is continuously adjustable during surgery without canceling a connection state of the eyelid opener portion and the holding portion.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,

wherein said eyelid opener portion has a structure in which ~~a~~ the upper portion that pulls the upper eyelid and a the lower portion that pulls the lower eyelid are integrated with ~~an elastic portion therebetween~~.

4. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,

wherein said holding portion has a shape of a ring.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,

wherein the elastic member is a cord body.

7. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,

wherein the elastic member is silicone rubber.

8. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,

wherein said holding portion has an engaging portion engaging with said connecting portion, and

wherein said connecting portion has a hole to be engaged with the engaging portion.

9. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding a vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1, wherein the holding portion includes an engaging portion and the holding portion is connected to the eyelid opener portion via the engaging portion.

10. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 9, wherein a lower inner circumferential surface of a cylindrical body portion forming said holding portion is chamfered following a shape of the eyeball.

11. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 9, wherein a surface of a cylindrical body portion forming said holding portion is frosted.

12. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens, according to claim 1, wherein the connecting portion comprises a pair of elastic closed loop members for connecting the holding portion in a semi-fixed state.

13. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 12, wherein the holding portion includes a pair of engaging portions disposed opposite one another on the holding apparatus and the pair of elastic closed loop members engages with the pair of engaging portions.

14. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 18, wherein at least one or more engaging holes for engaging with the engaging portions of said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens are provided in the closed loop members having the ring shape.

15. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 18,

wherein a substantially rectangular engaging hole is provided in the closed loop members having the ring shape.

16. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 9, wherein the engaging portion engages with the connecting portion in at least two places.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 13, wherein the closed loop members are rubber members having a ring shape.